



**1080th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
8:00PM Wednesday April 26, 2006
Room 370, Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California



April Fools!
Everybody

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This month the joke is on us, for we have no speaker to numismatically educate us. Therefore in the spirit of April 1, members are requested to bring in items from their collections. It can have fooled you, fooled someone else or just be a joke. You get the idea. And while you're at it, consider giving a talk at an upcoming meeting!

1079th meeting. March 22, 2006: 1000 years of Polish Coinage *Sebastian Zurek* (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

New member *Sebastian Zurek* provided a very thorough overview of 1000 years of Polish coinage. Since this is such a vast area of numismatics, Sebastian used acetates and an overhead projector to show the history of Polish coinage with one or two examples for each century since about 950 AD. From iron tool-like implements to beautiful medieval coins, Sebastian gave the Society a wonderful tour through a subject that is a fascinating and new area to most in attendance. It was a quite entertaining and educational numismatic adventure! Thanks Sebastian!

Papers Contest

The submission deadline for numismatic papers is this month's meeting. Please contact the papers chair, Michael Wehner, if you have written a paper and can't make the meeting.

Banquet.

See the enclosed flyer for details on the June Annual Banquet.

Exhibits.

Gordon Donnell exhibited his recent acquisitions from the WESTS Token Show; a number of encased cents, one from Numismatic News (1992), a automobile dealer encased, one from a Reno Casino, a Denzil Goble San Francisco coin dealer encased, an Imperial Grill encased (a place in which he may have eaten), a Hastings, Nebraska encased, a SmokeEnders's token (!), and a Bull Durham tobacco token (just so you don't get the wrong idea).

Mark Wm. Clark brought a Russian Coin Book which had been written by a former PCNS member during the 1940s and a Cuban 20 Peso Silver Certificate.

Larry Reppeteau exhibited two Karl Goetz satirical medals featuring the sinking of the Lusitania, one an original from Germany and the other a British copy of the same medal that took Mr. Reppeteau 50 years to find and thus complete this collection. The British copy was used as a propaganda piece against the Germans and their U-boat activities during World War I!

Our dear *Whalen* brought a bread token from England, the Limited Society, "Good for Half a Loaf," and an Alaska statehood medal/token from 1959 given to him by his Aunt in 1959!

Federico Castillo exhibited a set of Spanish coins that had been counter stamped with the "lattice" countermark meaning they were to be used in Cuba, and a Cuban type set of coins.

Michael Wehner brought an unidentified Japanese oval coin, a 1658 Polish 18 Groszy, and a 1787 Spanish Colonial contemporary counterfeit.

Stephen Huston brought a very impressive set of crown size silver medals that celebrated 1000 years of Swedish minting, each medal about 2 ounces of silver, and a King Stephen(!) Bathory Polish 1586 coin, holed possibly for wearing as a charm.

Lastly, *Jerry Schimmel* exhibited a number of his recent acquisitions from the WESTS Token Show; some dug and metal detected tokens from early San Francisco featuring bars, saloons, groceries, cigar stands, and the like. Jerry also exhibited a hitherto unknown denomination Ivy Leaf token (a San Francisco brothel token) and a Stockton gambling house token!

Raffle (*Elliot Wehner*, raffle chairman)

- 1) A 1973 Canadian Note for \$1.00 was won by *Mark Wm. Clark*
- 2) An interesting Chinese Note went home with Speaker *Sebastian Zurek*.
- 3) A 1921 porcelain notgeld token from Germany found a new home with *Gordon Donnell*
- 4) *Gordon Donnell* also won a nice silver dollar size coin from Malawi featuring its president for life!
- 4) A John Adams Peace Medal of recent vintage was taken away by *Sebastian*, another double winner!
- 5) And, lastly, a 1956 Proof Farthing was won by *Whalen*!

Tentative 2006 future programs

May: *Elliot Wehner* "National Bank Notes"

June: Banquet

July: *Federico Castillo*, TBA

August: How about you?

Please contact Michael Wehner if you would like to speak in 2006 at (415) 928-4469 or mf_wehner@yahoo.com

Parking

We have learned that Fort Mason will begin charging for parking. Our best guess is that it will about \$6 to park for the three hours of a board meeting and a regular meeting.

Suggestions for alternatives are solicited.